

STORE CLOSURE SATURDAYS AND ALL DAYS AT 6 P. M.

OLDS, WORTMAN & KING

Some hints for Saturday buyers from the big bargain grist of our

Twenty-fourth Annual Clearance Sale

Finest Kid Gloves at Medium Prices

Three of our choicest makes. Two-clasp "Marvel" washable Gloves, two-clasp fancy embroidered "Madonnas" and three-clasp velvet kid "Victorias" in a good range of colors.

Bunched to sell now at \$1.48 pair.

Undoubtedly the glove chance of the season.

Interesting to Shoe Buyers

\$2.18 pair

Is the Clearance "Special" on our "Princess," the queen of \$3.00 shoes for women. Box calf, vici or enamel kid in 18 smart styles, with welt or turn soles. Get your share while sizes are here.

Warm Stockings, Under Price

Some samples of how cheap you can purchase foot comfort here.

At 35c pair

Ladies' black cashmere Hose, seamless and reinforced.

At 75c pair

Ladies' fancy cashmere Hose, worth \$1.00. Boots are silk embroidered in contrasting colors.

Child's cashmere Hose, fast black, fine ribbed, seamless and well reinforced. Small sizes, special, 17c pair; medium sizes, special, 22c pair; large sizes, special, 26c pair.

COMBINATION PURSES, black or colored, plain or fancy, worth to 75c, for 25c each.

ZEPHYR SHAWLS, hand knit, sizes, 36 to 45 inches square. For clearance, 85c to \$2.10 each.

ADMITS HOLDING UP CAR

THE ROBBER BENNETT THOMPSON MAKES SECOND CONFESSION.

He Relieved Oregon City Passengers of Coin, and is Also Responsible for 30 Road Hold-Ups.

Bennett Thompson, under a sentence of 20 years for highway robbery, admitted yesterday that he had held up the car on the Portland City & Oregon Railway and had committed all the robberies on the Slavin, Whiteside, Scholla's Ferry, Barnes, and Linton roads, excepting the hold-up of W. C. Alderson, principal of the South Portland School. He also cheerfully admitted having held up Dr. Hawke, on the East Side. In all, he confessed to 30 robberies, and net profits \$80, or an average of \$2 2/3 per victim.

Thompson made the confession to Sheriff J. J. Cooke, of Clackamas County, and Detectives Snow and Kerrigan, of Portland. Sheriff Cooke, who was not fully convinced that Thompson was the street-car robber, came to this city yesterday to satisfy his mind on that point, and in company with the detectives visited the prisoner in the County Jail. Thompson at first refused to talk, but upon being told that any statement he might make would not be used against him, he frankly admitted the street-car robbery. He said that he had come to Oregon City from Portland on the electric car and crossed the bridge, walking out on the country road that runs parallel with the car track to Williamette, and concealed himself in the brush about one-half mile from Oregon City. When the car made the up trip to Williamette he placed a tie across the track, but, fearing that the passengers might be warned, he remained concealed. The tie was removed, and he replaced it and waited for the down car, the passengers of which he robbed.

"I can name every person who was on that car," he said to the officers. And then he gave a list of all his victims, the exact spot where and the time when he stopped the car.

"How did you get away?" he was asked.

Thompson winked. "I had no easy time of it," he said to Sheriff Cooke. "You were hot after me, and had you 10 minutes of daylight left you would have landed me in the Oregon City Jail."

Then Thompson told how he escaped. He had spent a portion of his boyhood in West Oregon City, and was familiar with the country. Leaving the track, he followed the old county road to Elk Rock, where he descended the bank to the river, and there found a boat tied to a tree. He could hear men talking a short distance from him, and these he rightly judged to be the Sheriff and his officers. Without delay he jumped into the boat. Darkness had set in, and he had no trouble getting away. He drifted, he said, some distance, and then he paddled to Milwaukie on the East Side, and boarded a Portland-bound car.

Questioned by the Portland officers, Thompson said he was guilty of all the hold-ups on the five roads mentioned, except that of Principal Alderson. Alderson, he stoutly declared, was the victim of another footpad. He said he figured in at least 30 robberies and obtained \$80, or \$2 2/3 more than he previously confessed to having taken.

When the officers took their leave Thompson bade them a pleasant good-bye. His confession apparently had no more effect upon him than the 20-year sentence of Judge Frazer.

FAVORS MEAT INSPECTION

Woman's Club Passes Resolution to That Effect.

The important feature of yesterday's meeting of the Woman's Club was a consideration of the necessity for having a thorough and perfect system of meat inspection in Portland. Mrs. Ellen R. Miller, of the Portland School of Domestic Science, in a clear, practical way, presented the subject so as to arouse the enthusiastic co-operation of every woman in the room. She handled the subject without gloves, being well armed with special information on all the leading points that had a practical bearing, so that even before she finished she had her hearers convinced of the urgent necessity for taking action on this matter. The earnest discussion that followed her paper resulted in the following resolution, offered by Dr. Mae Cardwell, which was adopted unanimously, no dissenting voice being heard:

Resolved, that the Woman's Club endorses the sentiment of Mrs. Miller's paper, and recommends that consumers shall insist upon being supplied with inspected meat.

It was decided that the club anniversary should be celebrated next Friday, instead of January 27. There will be an informal afternoon reception and tea, from 2 to 5, each member being expected to bring

two guests. Men friends will be welcomed. Resolutions of sympathy to the family of the late Mrs. George T. Myers were also adopted. Mrs. Myers having been a charter member and active worker in the club.

The programme of the day was devoted to pottery. Mrs. Rose H. Hoyt being in charge. A valuable paper was read upon the pottery of American Indians by Mrs. Josephine de Vore Johnson. The fact that all her information had been gathered first hand from the Indians themselves made her paper especially valuable. It was not culled from encyclopedias and learned treatises in the magazines. The work of the various tribes from the Aztecs down to the Indians of today was described, and an excellent collection illustrating the different stages of the art furnished an object-lesson that was most interesting and instructive.

Miss Agnes Wait gave two particularly enjoyable vocal numbers, "The Merry Maidens," by Francis Thorne and "Hush, Thee, My Baby," Georg Henachel. She was very heartily encored, but did not respond.

Fine Apples From Forest Grove.
A grocer offering a lot of fine yellow Newtown Pippins for sale yesterday stated that they came from near Forest Grove, and showed what energy and good

Lipman, Wolff & Co

GREAT SALE!

Every Article Reduced

Ladies' President Pique KID GLOVES All shades and sizes.	Value \$1.25 pr.	98c
Suede and Glace KID GLOVES Broken assortment of sizes.	Value \$1.25 pr.	69c
Ladies', Children's and Infants' WOOL MITTENS Value 20c and 25c pr.		12c
Ladies' Pure Linen HANDKERCHIEFS Plain white, hemstitched, 6 in box.	Value \$1.00 box	49c
Ladies' White Hemstitched HANDKERCHIEFS Some lace trimmed.	Value 50c	25c
Ladies' Ribbed VESTS and DRAWERS Broken assortment.	Value \$1.75	98c
Ladies' Knit-to-Fit Ribbed VESTS and DRAWERS All-wool.	Value \$2.25	\$1.79

Headquarters for Dr. Jaeger's Underwear. Sole agents for Belfast Linen Mesh Underwear. Lowest prices on Blankets and Comforts. Ladies', men's, children's Woolens. Hosiery at greatly reduced prices.

ADJUSTER'S SHOE SALE

Child's kid button shoes, sizes 1 to 7, spring heel,	35c	Men's box and calf kid lace shoes, latest toes, \$3.50 quality, pair	\$2.35
Ladies' kid button shoes, coin and square toe, \$2.50 to \$4	\$1.50	Boys' tan lace shoes, all sizes, pair	95c
Ladies' heavy and light sole lace shoes, patent or kid tip, latest styles			\$2.15

BARON'S SHOE STORE

230-232 MORRISON STREET NEAR SECOND

judgment could do in farming. He said they were raised by a man who came here from Utah for his health, and who, after loafing around for a while, concluded to buy a worn-out farm with a worn-out orchard and amuse himself and benefit his health by putting them to rights. He has been three years on the place, and is now sending to market the finest apples imaginable. In conclusion the grocer remarked that energy and good judgment are all that is needed to make farming profitable in Oregon. The farmers and others who have been writing letters on

the subject of "Can Farming Be Made to Pay in Oregon?" might look into the methods of this man from Utah.

Hunt Club Paper Chase.
The members of the Portland Hunt Club will hold a paper chase this afternoon, starting from the east end of Burnside street at 2:30 o'clock. The finish will be on the Sandy road, near the Barr road. Two boys, mounted on fleetfooted steeds, will act as hares, the club members following in the chase.

GREAT DUMP SALE

GREATEST DRAWING CARD OF THE SEASON. GLANCE OVER THIS LIST OF BARGAINS AND REMEMBER THIS SALE LASTS ONLY SEVEN DAYS MORE.

Boys' Knee Pants 50c values 25c 75c values 50c \$1 values 85c	BOYS' UNION SUITS AT ONE-HALF PRICE 50c Union Suits 25c \$1 Union Suits 50c	Boys' Reefers Oxford Gray Reefers \$1.50 values, 3 to 8 95c \$2.95 values \$1.85
Russian Overcoats \$3.95 Values \$2.50 \$8.00 Values \$4.85 Our stock of Boys' and Youths' Overcoats is badly broken up, but what we have will be closed out at a sacrifice	Men's Underwear At prices way below any Clearance Sale in town. Natural Gray Sanitary Wool Underwear, best 75c value, DUMP SALE PRICE... 59c Men's Fine Natural Wool Underwear, great \$1.00 values, DUMP SALE PRICE... 79c Men's Derby - Ribbed Wool Underwear, \$1.00 values, DUMP SALE PRICE... 79c Wright's Genuine Health Underwear, fleece-lined, DUMP SALE PRICE... 79c Men's French Ribbed Wool Underwear, colored, pink, blue and natural, \$1.50 values, DUMP SALE PRICE \$1.19	Unequaled Reductions in SAILOR SUITS \$5 Sailor Suits \$3.85 \$7 Sailor Suits \$4.85 GREAT REDUCTIONS all over the store. You cannot afford to miss this opportunity.

LEADING CLOTHIER **Ben Selling** S. E. cor. Fourth and Morrison Sts.

Store Open Tonight Until 9:30 P. M. Usual Concert on 3d Floor.

Meier & Frank Co.

Muslin Underwear and infants' wear at very low prices. Second floor.
High-class novelty costumes and wraps at greatly reduced prices. Second floor.
Replenish the linen closet with table linens, sheets, pillow cases, etc., at clearance prices.

"Marlowe" 100 Umbrellas 97c Each

Supporters

A great Saturday sale of ladies' Hose Supporters. Some 25 dozen of the well-known "Marlowe" Supporters, of silk frilled elastic. "Hook-On" style, all colors. Sold regularly all year 'round at 50 cents. Your choice

37c Each
Notion department.

Basement Dept.

Household necessities of every description at a great saving. No more attractive place in the entire store for housewives than this big basement. Useful kitchen utensils of every description greatly reduced; also Cutlery, Lamps, Crockery, Glassware, Silverware, Cut Glass, etc.

Two car loads of Granite-ware.

Saturday is the day we supply men's wants at special prices. The annual Clearance Sale offers exceptional opportunity for men to practice economy. Everything can be bought at a big saving. Hosiery, Neckwear, Shirts, Handkerchiefs, Underwear, Gloves, Hats, Umbrellas, etc., etc. All our high-grade Neckwear worth from \$1.50 to \$3.00 reduced below cost. All styles of men's Shoes at clearance prices. Morrison-street entrance.

Umbrella department, Morrison-street entrance.

Men's Wear

Better be awake to the advantage of buying Carpets and Lace Curtains during the Clearance Sale. There's a saving you'll appreciate. Curtain material at very lowest prices. Table Covers greatly reduced. Splendid bargains in Comforters and Wool Blankets. (Third Floor.)

"Willamette" and "Eldredge B" Sewing Machines at clearance prices. Picture Framing to your order. Best work, lowest prices. 2d floor. Great January values in Toilet Articles, Drug Sundries and Stationery.

Sleds

The first snow fall of the season is greeted with great delight by the little folks—Don't deny them the healthy pleasure coasting affords. Our stock of sleds is complete. Coasters or high sleds, spring or steel runners, prettily painted, 35c to \$3.00.

Costumes--Wraps

We're selling all remaining high class novelties in Evening Costumes, Wraps, Dresses, Long Coats, Silk Skirts, etc., at prices far below cost. Velvet Jackets and costumes at ridiculously low prices.
Silk Waists and Petticoats at Clearance Sale Prices. Remarkable values in Walking Skirts and Suits.

Carpet Dept.

Table Covers greatly reduced. Splendid bargains in Comforters and Wool Blankets. (Third Floor.)

An Immense array of Lace and Comic Valentines 1c to \$5.00 each. (Book Department.)

The Clearance Sale

is fast approaching the end—Buying should be done at the earliest possible moment—Linen closets, wardrobe and pantry should be replenished at the present remarkable low prices—Wearing apparel and household necessities of every description have been greatly reduced—Buying now means a saving of from 10% to 25% in every instance.

'Round the Store

All copyrighted Books, the \$1.50 kind at 89c.
Hundreds of worthy bargains in fine Muslin Underwear.
Bargains in Trunks and Traveling Bags. (3d floor.)
Brass and Iron Beds at Clearance Sale Prices.
Bargains in Gloves and Ladies' Neckwear.
Entire stock of Ladies', Men's and Boys' Shoes at Clearance Pr.ces.
All Hosiery and Underwear greatly reduced.
Sheets and Pillow Cases at Clearance Sale Prices.

Men's Clothing

In the Clearance Sale of Men's and Boys' Clothing is included everything in the entire stock—New, stylish, well-made, ready-to-wear Clothing at prices fully 1/3 less than you have to pay in exclusive clothing stores. (Second floor)
Men's all-wool Oxford gray and invisible plaid yoke Overcoats, handsomely tailored and this season's \$15.00 coats; your choice \$11.98
Men's all-wool chevrot, cassimere and worsted Suits, cut in the latest fashion and reg. \$15.00 values at \$11.15
Men's fine, all-wool, fancy worsted and chevrot Suits, best styles and \$12.65 fabrics; all the \$18 values at \$12.65
Entire stock of Boys' Clothing at Clearance Sale Prices.

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SCOW CONTRACTS LET.

Port of Portland Also Receives Bids for New Dredge.

The Board of Port of Portland Commissioners, at a meeting which was not attended by ex-President Hughes, opened and received bids for the construction of the hull of the new dredge and for two scows. Only two bids for the dredge hull and scows were received. They were from the Portland Shipbuilding Company, \$56,500, and Joseph Paquet, \$52,700. Both were referred to Engineer Lockwood for examination, with instructions to report at a meeting to be held Monday afternoon.

Bids for the scows were received from the Portland Shipbuilding Company, \$5400 for the two; Joseph Paquet, \$2800 each, and B. F. Smith, \$225 each. The contract was awarded to the Portland Shipbuilding Company.

In both cases the board ordered that any changes the contractors might want to make, after the awarding of the contracts, must be submitted to Designing Engineer Lockwood in writing, and authorization of such changes must be received from him in writing, or they shall not be considered valid.

The secretary was instructed to advertise for bids for 1000 feet of 8-inch pipe, and 20 wooden pontoons for the dredge. The full question was considered but no action was taken.

Chief Engineer Kennedy, of the O. R. & N. Co., who was, at the previous meeting, made a member of a board of engineers to consider all drydock plans, appeared before the Commissioners and made a few remarks. By the action of

BLIZZARD STRUCK PORTLAND

And it has also struck the Brownsville Woolen Mill store with a big supply of blankets, which are being sold during this bankrupt sale at about half regular prices.

The product of these mills is well known throughout the entire West. The store in Portland has been running for 27 years, and now that they are selling off their large stock, the people are taking advantage of the opportunity to stock up with good wool goods. The new location is on Washington street, between First and Second.

TANK ON STOVE EXPLODES

Six Children Injured and a Room They Were in Wrecked.

NEW WHATCOM, Wash., Jan. 24.—While six children of Robert Shields were gathered around a stove this morning the water tank, which had frozen as a result of the blizzard which commenced to rage during the night, exploded, injuring all six. Frank, a 15-year-old boy, suffered a double compound fracture of the left thigh and may die. Pearl, aged 7, was badly cut by flying pieces of iron. The room is completely wrecked.

Good Coffee

Is elegant IF!!
you can digest it.

POSTUM, Well Made,
Is superb, and you CAN!! digest it.